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SUBJECT: IRELAND - EUROFAB: DEMARCHE ON TRANSFER OF
FABRICATED MOX FUEL ASSEMBLIES FROM FRANCE TO THE UNITED
STATES

REF: SECSTATE 47674

¶1. (SBU) Charge delivered reftel demarche jointly with French DCM Luc Alameras to Eamon Hickey and Sean Murphy of the European Union Division of the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and to two officers of the Irish Department of Marine Resources. Drawing closely on reftel points, the charge emphasized the voluntary nature of the presentation and the safety procedures attendant to the transfer of MOX.

¶2. (SBU) Hickey underscored his government's position that such notification is proper and appropriate, but added that the Irish government nonetheless appreciates the information, even on a voluntary basis. The Irish side asked for clarification as whether this was a one-time event or part of a series of movements of material. The Irish also asked for more information regarding the exact timing and route of the shipment, perhaps at or just before the time the shipment is made public. Charge offered no assurances that any more information was forthcoming but promised to pass the GOI comments to Washington.

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